

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing missing persons and the victims of unsolved murders  
2 in Kentucky.

3           WHEREAS, the most recent Crime in Kentucky Report compiled by the Kentucky  
4 State Police indicates that 44 percent of homicides and 47 percent of abductions have  
5 been cleared through arrest or other means; and

6           WHEREAS, these statistics indicate that the fates of many of our fellow  
7 Kentuckians are unknown, including the missing persons cases of Michael Keith Gorley,  
8 Kara Rigdon, and Crystal Rogers, and the unsolved murders of Tommy Ballard, Officer  
9 Jason Ellis, Kathy Netherland, Samantha Netherland, Lucinda Strange, and Diana  
10 Mattingly Summers; and

11           WHEREAS, the victims of unsolved murders deserve to have justice brought  
12 against their killers in the name of a Commonwealth which acutely feels their absences;  
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14           WHEREAS, missing persons deserve to know that their communities have not  
15 forgotten their place among us in our Commonwealth; and

16           WHEREAS, the families of missing persons and victims of unsolved murders suffer  
17 with the ambiguity and uncertainty of their unresolved losses; and

18           WHEREAS, the families of missing persons and victims of unsolved murders  
19 struggle to balance their personal efforts to find justice with the demands of their daily  
20 lives; and

21           WHEREAS, the citizens of this Commonwealth are at our collective best when we  
22 support those among us who have suffered trauma;

23           NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
25 ***Kentucky:***

26           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby encourage any and all citizens of  
27 the Commonwealth and beyond to assist in identifying the perpetrators of murders in

1 Kentucky, and to provide information on missing persons in Kentucky.

2       ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the families  
3 of missing and murdered persons.

4       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
5 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery.